

# House Study Bill 141 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MEYER)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to personally identifiable information included  
2 in reportable disease reports.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 11.41, subsection 3, Code 2021, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. If the information, records, instrumentalities, and  
4 properties sought by the auditor of state are required by law  
5 to be kept confidential, the auditor of state shall have access  
6 to the information, records, instrumentalities, and properties,  
7 but shall maintain the confidentiality of all such information  
8 and is subject to the same penalties as the lawful custodian  
9 of the information for dissemination of the information.  
10 However, the auditor of state shall not have access to the  
11 income tax returns of individuals or to personally identifiable  
12 information included in a reportable disease report, including  
13 but not limited to the information required to be included in  
14 such a report as specified in section 139A.3, subsection 1.

15 Sec. 2. Section 139A.3, Code 2021, is amended by adding the  
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A state or local agency employee  
18 or agent shall not have access to personally identifiable  
19 information included in a reportable disease report provided  
20 to or maintained by the department, a local board, or a  
21 local department, unless the employee or agent has completed  
22 training regarding the federal Health Insurance Portability and  
23 Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to personally identifiable information  
28 included in a reportable disease report.

29 The bill provides that the auditor of state shall not have  
30 access to personally identifiable information included in a  
31 reportable disease report, including but not limited to the  
32 information required to be included in such a report by law.

33 The bill also prohibits a state or local agency employee or  
34 agent from having access to personally identifiable information  
35 included in a reportable disease report provided to or

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1 maintained by the department of public health, a local board  
2 of health, or a local public health department, unless the  
3 employee or agent has completed training regarding the federal  
4 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.